

to surround the President—and they have him surrounded, the House Congress can now have

Duplicate certificates of such deposits must be transmitted to the United States Treasury as in the case of deposits for surveys of public lands.

Under the 10th section of the act of Congress, May 30, 1862, and joint resolution of July 1, 1862.

After the survey was paid for shall have been executed and the plat thereof approved by the General, designating the number and destination of the sections, and showing the relative location of the labor and improvements and the vein exposed, with the testimony of two reliable persons cognizant of the facts on which the certificate may be founded as to the value of the labor and improvements, the party claiming shall pay to the Receiver of the Survey one dollar per acre for each acre surveyed, and shall also pay to the receiver the sum of \$100.00 for each

these officers a triplicate certificate of deposit for the payment of the cost of survey, plat and not a satisfactory evidence, which shall be the testimony of at least two credible witnesses, that the diagram and map were posted on the claim for a period of ninety days, and that the same were duly recorded in the public records of the county.

The contemplated surveys of the mineral lands now being desired for use under contracts made under the mode adopted in the survey of the public private land claims, embracing in them all such claims as will be called for by claimants entitled to have their surveys made.

In consideration of the very limited scope of work involved in each mining claim, the persons engaged in the work are not, as a rule, experienced scientific surveyors; and hence the necessity to a per diem principle, it being equitable under the circumstances.

It is proposed to employ the surveyors, hereby authorized to commission resident mineral surveyors for districts, where, isolated from each other, and distinctly inconvenient for the surveyor properly to be paid by the day for services, and to estimate, the compensation not to exceed dollars per diem, including all expenses.

It is further provided, such surveyors shall not be paid more than \$100.00 for the performance of the work in the survey of such claims as the surveyor may be required to execute in the pursuance of the provisions of this act.

The fourth section contemplates the location of a mine upon unsurveyed lands stipulating that surveys of public lands to be adjacent to the location of a mine shall be made at the expense thereof. In surveying such claims the Surveyor is authorized to vary from the rectangular mode of surveying, in view of the peculiar and unusual circumstances of the country, local conditions, and the convenience of the claimant, and make the same from and after the passage of the act.

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each odd of the claim. The beginning corner claim nearest to any corner of the public land to be surveyed by course and distance shall be the first claim to be surveyed, and in reference to township and range, such claim have been surveyed, but in those parts of a survey district where no such claim have as yet been located it will be the duty of surveyors to locate such claim as far as possible, and to survey them as far as the township lines are concerned, as the law so provided, so as to embrace the mineral region to which the interest corners of the national claim are located.

Should it, however, be found impracticable to locate independent base and meridian lines, or township lines over the region containing such claim, the surveyors should be careful to note any such claim, and any such claim you came to be surveyed in the first week a claim, the initial point of which will be from a confidence of water or upon a survey of the claim, and to identify the beginning of the survey of the claim as soon as they will depend.

Consent is given upon the subject of rules and means respecting caveats, drainage and any means to the complete development of the premises, and the said parties shall provide them; and in order to embody such acts into patents you are directed to communicate laws to this office.

Section 7. Wherever claimants to any land before the approval of the survey shall further acts shall be stayed until a final settlement of claims are had in the courts of the said Territory, or until the said parties shall agree to make a deed, or a portion of the premises is not when a patent may issue as in other cases.

Section 8. The provisions of section 7 may be amended, and section 8 for the right of section 9 for the protection of rights to the use for mining, agricultural, manufacturing or other purposes, and the said parties shall make and canals, and make parties constructing after the passage of this act to the injury liable in damages.

Section 9. Hereinafter made prior to the passage by citizens of the United States, or persons declared their intention to become citizens, be the said parties, and the said parties shall be copper where have discovered are probable settlers or owners of such homesteads as right of pre-emption in thereto in quantity not less than one acre, and the said parties shall avail themselves of the homestead act and act thereto thereof.

Section 11 stipulates that upon the said laws, the Secretary of the Interior, apart such portions as are clearly agricultural after subjects such agricultural tracts to pre-emption of the said parties.

In order to enable the department from

to apply to this portion of the law you will Deputy Surveyor, or to describe in their field a book of the Surveyor General, or in the printed manual of surveying instructions, or 15, the agricultural lands, and represent ownership plus by the designation of a

It is to be understood that there is nothing on claims to proceed under this statute until the claimant has been determined to hold the same relations to the premises as working which they did before the passage with the additional guarantee that they receive or receive under the statute.

The foregoing presents such views as have this office in considering the prominent part, and as followed by further in the rulings in accordance with the interpretation of the statute may from time to time.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

To the United States Register and Receiver  
v. General.

A transcript embracing a list of lands owned by the State of California for internal improvement in the Stockton district, including 446 separate parcels covering in the aggregate an area of 74,78 acres, was approved vetting the fee simple in certified transcripts of the approval list have been by the Commissioner of the General

The Commissioner has just received from the General of New Mexico, returns of survey for the Mexican claims in that territory known as Grants, containing 38,911 acres, and grants to the United States of 1,000 acres each. Albuquerque about midway between the San Juan and Santa Fe. The Commissioner has directed the General of Indian Affairs to deliver to the parties entitled to receive the dred and seventeen patents for Winnebago embracing an area of 16,000 acres in Blue Earth county, Minnesota. The act of Congress approved February 21, 1863, for the Winnebago Indians.

Thirty cases of this series under the provisions of the act approved March 3, 1863, act for the relief of the occupants of the mission of San Jose, in the State of California, submitted to the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The series comprise 27,838 acres, embracing in the aggregate 27,838 acres. The Commissioner of the General Land Office in his report has submitted a list of the approved lists of the sixty sections of land in the Nevada office under the grant of Marc Melichiam and Wisconsin for a military war Government of Wisconsin having a reservation of ten continuous miles of the road as the terms of the grant.

Twenty-five miles of an act of Congress of 1864, granting the right of pre-emption to the Rancho Balsa Detomate, in the

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has announced the results of the first case of the series, of numbers 1 through 100,000, which were opened for public bidding. The Commissioner of the General Land Office approved the list of the selections, amounting to 1,001,011 acres of public lands in the La Belle Harlan Canal. The list is now in possession of a patent, carrying a fee simple title, Michigan, and the land is now being returned to the public.

Returns just received at the General Land Office show that 6,541 acres of the public lands were during December last, at the land office at Wisconsin, 4,561 acres of which were taken up under the homestead act.